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In re application of: van der Laan, *et al.*

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) Examiner: K. Hendricks

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) Art Unit: 1814

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) RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Serial No.: 07/565,673

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This response is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed September 4, 1996, and is submitted on or before January 4, 1997, the time period for response having been extended by the attached Petition for Extension of Time and the requisite fee. Reconsideration and re-examination are requested.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to make the following amendments.

AMENDMENTS

In the Claims

4. (Amended) The method according to Claim 23, wherein said Bacillus strain host

is Bacillus novo species PB92 or a derivative thereof [which is incapable of reversion and

contains a mutant high alkaline protease].

5. (Amended) The method according to Claim 23, wherein said Bacillus strain host
is an asporogenic alkalophilic Bacillus strain.

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